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REMARKS

In the application as filed, claims 1-7, 9-23 and 25-58 are pending and subject to a restriction requirement. The Examiner identifies two distinct inventions and is requiring election of one invention. In response, Applicants elect to proceed with the claims of Group I (claims 1-7, 9-23 and 25-48) without traverse. The non-elected claims have been cancelled, but Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional or continuation applications to recapture the non-elected subject matter.

It is respectfully submitted that the foregoing amendments are fully responsive to the Office Action and Applicants, therefore, request that the application be advanced to examination on the merits.

Should the Examiner believe that prosecution of this application might be expedited by further discussion of the issues, she is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney for Applicants at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,



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